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FROM US REP MBFR

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SUBJECT: PRESS LEAKS CONTINUE IN VIENNA

1. ARTICLE IN VIENNA'S INDEPENDENT "DIE PRESSE" (APRIL 17)
OF SUFFICIENT INTEREST TO WARRANT REPORTING DIRECT QUOTE OF
WESTERN DELEGATE BEARS OUT SUSPICION OF LEAK FROM WESTERN SIDE
HERE.

2. SALIENT PORTIONS OF (WASHIETL'S) ARTICLE FOLLOW:
STORY PREDICTS THAT THE NEXT EAST- WEST MEETING OF MBFR
DELEGATION WILL TAKE PLACE WEDNESDAY AFTER EASTER, OR EVEN LATER.
SAYS WASHIETL: "THERE IS GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT NO DECISION
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ON THE SUBSTANCE OF THE TALKS CAN BE EXPECTED BEFORE THAT
TIME... THE NATO DELEGATIONS WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE THEIR
SO CALLED AD HOC MEETINGS THIS WEEK. THEY ALREADY FORWARDED A
LONG REPORT TO BRUSSELS ON THE EXPLORATIONS REGARDING THEIR
MAR. 13 (SIC) PROPOSAL. SINCE THE SOVIETS HAVE NOT FORMALLY REJECTED
IT,
WESTERN DELEGATION CIRCLES ARE TRYING TO BLUR THE IMPRESSION OF
A NEGATIVE RESULT OF THE EXPLORATIONS; BUT ON THE SUBSTANCE, THE
POSITIONS ARE FIRM. MOSCOW INSISTS ON INCLUDING ITALY IF
HUNGARY WERE TO TAKE PART AS A FULL MEMBER IN THE FORCE REDUCTIONS.
" THIS IS UNACCEPTABLE FOR US. SO THERE MUST BE SOME COMPROMISE.
BUT WE HAVE NOT GOTTEN THAT FAR YET," A WESTERN DELEGATE SAID
YESTERDAY."

ACCORDING TO DIE PRESSE, THE NATO COUNCIL IN BRUSSELS
WILL NOW HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR EVACUATION THE VIENNA REPORT
DURING THE EASTER RECESS. THE COUNCIL " MAY FIND IT ADVISABLE
TO GIVE THE VIENNA CONSULTATIONS A NEW DIRECTION SINCE THE MAR. 13
FORMULA DID NOT LEAD TO A BREAKTHROUGH. IN VIENNA, ONLY A
" MINIMUM PRESENCE WILL BE MAINTAINED OVER EASTER." HUMES

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